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FOR CONDOYAN FROM CHAMPAGNE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER F.)
SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT

REF: TELCON JAN 17

1. PURPOSE THIS MESSAGE IS TO RECAPITULATE DATA RECEIVED IN REF
TELCON:
A) APPROXIMATELY 125 PERSONS WILL BE TRAVELLING TO BRUSSELS
IN CONNECTION WITH THE VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT. THIS INCLUDES ADVANC
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TEAM BUT NOT THE AIR CREWS.
B) ENTIRE PARTY TO STAY AT ONE HOTEL. IF HILTON CANNOT HANDLE,
USE THE SHERATON.
C) PRESS CONFERENCE SCHEDULED FOR HOTEL.
D) BILATERAL TIMING AND DEPARTURE FROM BRUSSELS WILL BE
DELAYED.

2. HOTEL HILTON HAS AVAILABLE 145 BEDS BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:
17TH FLOOR OVER VICE PRESIDENTIAL SUITE, BEDS FOR 5 USSS
(3 ROOMS).
16TH FLOOR:
VICE PRESIDENTIAL SUITE (BEDROOM & LIVING/DINNING ROOM).
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USSS COMMAND POST
9 BEDROOMS FOR OFFICIAL PARTY.
3 BEDROOMS FOR SENIOR STAFF.
15TH FLOOR
VICE PRESIDENTIAL STAFF OFFICE.
NSC OFFICE
EMBASSY CONTROL ROOM

17 BEDROOMS FOR STAFF AND USSS.

14TH FLOOR:

22 BEDROOMS (15 DOUBLES AND 7 SINGLES) FOR USSS, WHCA, AND SOME PRESS.

5TH AND 6TH FLOORS:

TOTAL 44 BEDROOMS (30 DOUBLES AND 14 SINGLES) FOR PRESS.

THUS, HOTEL HILTON CAN ACCOMMODATE ENTIRE PARTY PROVIDED MEMBERS OF THE PRESS ARE WILLING TO SHARE ROOMS OVERNIGHT. (FYI: USSS ROUTINELY SHARES DOUBLES.) FURTHER, HILTON LAYOUT IDEAL FROM SECURITY AND LOGISTICAL POINTS AND STAFF EXPERIENCED IN HANDLING PRESIDENTIAL VISITS.

3. SHERATON HOTEL HAS 125 BEDROOMS AVAILABLE BUT VICE PRESIDENTIAL AND OFFICIAL PARTY SPACE LESS THAN IDEAL. FURTHER, WHILE THIS HOTEL HAS BEEN USED IN THE PAST FOR THE PRESS, WE HAVE NO EXPERIENCE WITH IT IN HANDLING SENIOR US GOVERNMENT VISITORS.

4. RECENTLY OPENED HYATT REGENCY HAS SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF ROOMS AVAILABLE AND BETTER FACILITIES THAN THE SHERATON. IT OBVIOUSLY LACKS EXPERIENCE WITH HIGH LEVEL VISITORS.

5. ALL THREE HOTELS HAVE LARGE ROOMS WHICH CAN ACCOMMODATE APPROXIMATELY 200 MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND TV CREWS FOR PRESS CONFERENCE.

6. IN VIEW OF ABOVE, WE PLAN TO USE THE HILTON SINCE IT AFFORDS THE BEST FACILITIES. OUR SECOND PREFERENCE IS THE HYATT. REQUEST YOUR CONCURRENCE BEFORE COB WASHINGTON TIME TODAY. IF YOU DON'T CONCUR, PLEASE ADVISE IF WE SHOULD BOOK THE SPACE IN THE HYATT OR THE SHERATON FOR THE PARTY. REASON FOR NEED CONFIDENTIAL

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OF ANSWER TODAY IS BECAUSE OF LEAD TIME REQUIRED BY THE BELGIAN TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH OFFICE FOR INSTALLING PRESS EQUIPMENT.

7. ASSUME YOU WILL INFORM THE HAGUE OF CHANGE IN BILATERAL TIMING.

8. PLEASE PASS ABOVE INFORMATION TO JOHN KORDEK USIA/IEU EXT. 25171. FIRESTONE

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